

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-

1. An inkjet printer cradle including:

a body complementary to a removable inkjet cartridge of a type having a pagewidth printhead and an air inlet port; and

5 an air compressor having an air outlet pipe positioned to couple with the air inlet port upon mating of the inkjet printer cradle with said cartridge.

2. An inkjet printer cradle according to claim 1, wherein the body defines a recess dimensioned to locate the removable inkjet cartridge.

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3. An inkjet printer cradle according to claim 2, wherein the air outlet pipe terminates within the recess.

4. An inkjet printer cradle according to claim 3, wherein the air outlet pipe traverses a portion of the body defining an internal shelf of the recess.

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5. An inkjet printer cradle according to claim 1, wherein the air outlet pipe has a termination configured to assist piercing of a seal over the air inlet port.

6. An inkjet printer cradle including:

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a body defining a recess dimensioned to locate a removable inkjet cartridge of a type having a pagewidth printhead and an air inlet port; and

an air compressor having an air outlet pipe arranged to traverse a portion of the body defining an internal shelf of the recess, said pipe positioned to couple with the air inlet port upon insertion of the inkjet printer cradle into the recess and configured to assist in piercing of a seal over the air inlet port.

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